

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17, and 19-35 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,826,039 to Jones (hereinafter "Jones") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,950,193 to Kulkarni (hereinafter "Kulkarni"). Claims 12-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones and Kulkarni as applied to claim 11, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,367 to Wesinger, Jr.

By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 18; the subject matter of these claims has been incorporated into claims 1 and claims 17 and 19, respectively. New dependent claim 20 contains subject matter from original claim 6. New independent claim 21 contains subject matter from original claims 1 and 7; new dependent claims 22-35 all depend from claim 21. These claim amendments further clarify and emphasize the features of the present invention, and distinguish the present invention over the cited references.

Jones relates to a system for providing a user of a communication system with an easy to remember identifier by which the user can be contacted. The identifier, referred to as a handle, is not connected to a particular physical endpoint; e.g., the user can be contacted via electronic mail, telephone, or facsimile using a single handle.

Jones also discloses an address book for use with its system, in which the address book consists of a list of handles, and not the physical endpoint information for a user such as an electronic mail address or a telephone number (column 5, line 53 to column 6, line 2). Additionally, a lookup function can be performed on a directory that stores handles and their associated information. This information is not stored locally in the user's address book, as this information can change over time. (See column 7, lines 1-19.)

In contrast with the present application as defined by claim 1, Jones does not disclose a search unit for accessing information on the Internet, nor does Jones disclose that a particular piece of information can be activated to perform an action related to that piece of information.

Kulkarni relates to a system and method for reducing the amount of information stored in an address book, by eliminating duplicate information from relates address book entries (column 2, lines 58-62 and column 4, lines 24-27). There is no discussion or suggestion in Kulkarni that address book information can be looked up via the Internet or that an action can be performed relating to a selected piece of information in the address book.

These two features of the present application also are not found by combining the disclosures of Jones and Kulkarni. Similar arguments can be made regarding the cited references and the other independent claims. In regard to claim 17, there

is no mention in the cited references of accessing information on the Internet that matches information in a key phrase field or performing an action related to stored information in a cell. In regard to claim 19, neither of the cited references mention of accessing information within a database that matches information in a key phrase field or performing an action related to stored information in a cell. In regard to claim 21, the cited references do not disclose a search unit for accessing information on the Internet that matches information in a key phrase field or activity buttons that define an action related to information stored within a cell.

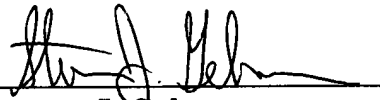
Because the present invention as defined by the independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 17, 19, and 21) is distinguishable over the cited references, no further discussion of the dependent claims or of the references is necessary. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and remarks made herein place pending claims 1, 3-17, and 19-35 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment as well as reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1, 3-17, and 19-35 are respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner does not believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 215-568-6400.

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